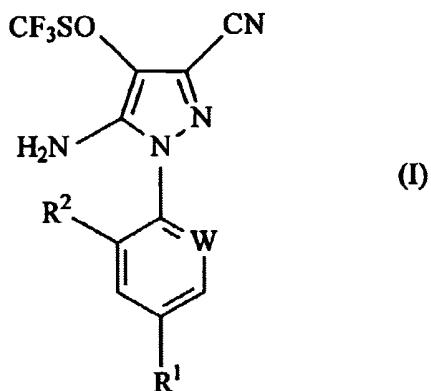
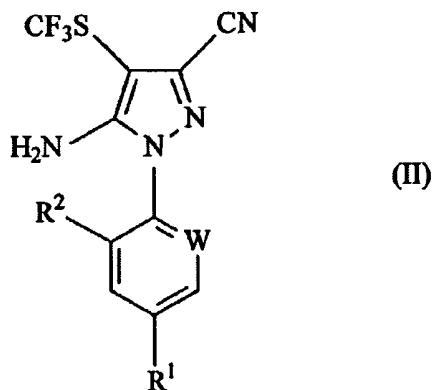


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I)



5 comprising oxidizing a compound of formula (II)



with trifluoroperacetic acid in the presence of a corrosion inhibiting compound such as boric acid. Also, a process for preparing a compound of formula (II) by adding sulfur dioxide to a mixture of the corresponding disulfide, a formate salt, trifluoromethyl bromide and a polar solvent; and a process for preparing the 10 disulfide comprising adding S₂Cl₂ to a solution, in an organic solvent, of the corresponding 4-unsubstituted pyrazole.